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EXTRA HELPING OF AMTRAK ILLINOIS TRAINS FOR THANKSGIVING SUNDAY NOV. 30

Additional round-trips between Chicago, Bloomington/Normal and Quincy

CHICAGO – To accommodate an expected increase in holiday passengers, Amtrak and the Illinois Department of Transportation are offering additional round-trips on Nov. 30, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, between Chicago and Bloomington/Normal and on the Chicago-Quincy corridor, via Galesburg and Macomb.

Ordinarily on the Chicago-St. Louis corridor, Amtrak operates a total of five round-trips via Bloomington/Normal, four [Lincoln Service](#) and one [Texas Eagle](#) round-trip. In order to accommodate one additional round-trip on Nov. 30, Train 300 will depart St. Louis 35 minutes earlier than usual and Train 301 will depart Chicago 30 minutes earlier than usual, with both trains operating on a modified schedule that day only.

On the Chicago-Quincy corridor, Amtrak normally originates two daily morning and evening round-trips, the [Illinois Zephyr](#) and the [Carl Sandburg](#) plus some additional Amtrak service at Galesburg, Princeton or Mendota provided by the [Southwest Chief](#) and [California Zephyr](#). In order to accommodate one additional round-trip on Nov. 30, Train 383 will depart Chicago 20 minutes later than usual and operate on a modified timetable to Quincy that day only.

Passengers are encouraged to plan ahead and [book](#) their tickets early for the best availability, pricing and to avoid the last minute rush. Families travel “hassle-free” on Amtrak to connect with friends and relatives during the holiday – the busiest travel week of the year.

For the Thanksgiving holiday period, Amtrak will operate every available passenger rail car in its fleet and is scheduling extra trains and adding capacity on other routes in the Northeast, Midwest, Pacific Northwest and California.

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The busiest travel days are the Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the Sunday after the holiday. Other than Thanksgiving Day, morning trains typically have more available seats than those in the afternoon and evening.

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